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Interest in Connection
With My Business

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The Purpose

of every publication, if we take the editor's word for it, is to uplift humanity.

This little publication can never be accused of such ideals. But on the twenty-second of this month, February, we celebrate the birthday of George Washington. So I bring forth a selection from my stock of

Coins of Washington

and here give you an opportunity to celebrate this patriotic occasion in a real numismatic way. For historical interest—for real numismatic beauty—some of these coins cannot be surpassed. All are above the average in condition. They are priced reasonable, lower than my usual retail prices. Order promptly please, and please cash with order.

Washington Cent, 1783, draped bush of Washington. Rev., ONE CENT, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. (My regular retail price \$2.40). Price \$2.00.

Cent, 1783, obverse as last. Rev., Liberty seated. Scarce variety, \$2.25.

Cent, 1783, Small military bust of Washington. Rev., Liberty seated, \$1.50.

Cent, 1783, Bust of Washington on either side, \$1.50.

Cent, 1791, the beautiful eagle cent. Large artistic and distinguished military portrait of Washington. Rev., large eagle. Edge lettered. About uncirculated. A handsome and rare coin. (Regular retail price \$7.50 to \$8.50), price \$5.75.

Cent, 1791, as last, but reverse with small eagle and eight stars. This variety is more scarce. Have a beautiful uncirculated specimen, \$6.25.

Another cent just as last in fine condition for only \$4.00.

And still another just as last in very fair condition, \$2.25.

Halfpenny, 1793, obverse, just as last. Rev., a sailing vessel with date and value, lettered edge. Very scarce, \$2.25.

Washington, so-called large brass cent, "Success to the U. S." Ex. Fine. \$2.75.

Washington, small brass cent, as last, \$2.10.

Washington, Liberty and Security Penny. Larger than all others. Military bust. Rev., small eagle on shield. Attractive coin, \$3.50.

A Really Rare Washington Cent

military bust, name, place and date of birth, etc. Rev., "General of American Armies," etc. This rare coin is seldom found so that all of the reverse shows, but on this specimen each and every letter on reverse is very plain and well struck up. The edge is slightly nicked but as a whole, it is very fine and far above anything I have ever seen of this cent. Very rare. Seldom offered, \$15.00.

Washington Half-Dollar

1792, Washington half dollar. Large bust to left. Rev., eagle. Struck in copper. Very good to fine. Very rare, \$50.00.

Pattern Coins With Portraits of Washington

1866, 5c, struck in copper. Proof. Rare. \$5.50.

1866, 5c, struck in nickel. Proof. Very rare. \$9.50.

1866, 5c, bust of Washington. Rev., type of regular issue. Struck in nickel. Brilliant proof. Very rare. \$10.50.

Washington Currency

U. S. Fractional Currency, with Portrait of George Washington. Prices Are for Perfect Notes.

10c Note, first issue. Facsimile of 10c stamp. 35c.

50c Note, first issue. \$1.15.

5c Note, second issue. Washington in gold frame. 35c.

10c Note, second issue. 40c.

25c Note, second issue. 75c.

50c Note, second issue. \$1.40.

3c Note, bust of Washington. 75c.

10c Note, third issue. 35c.

25c Note, fourth issue. 50c.

All the portraits of Washington on these notes are of different design.

Buy the entire above Picture Gallery of Washington, nine different portraits, all engraved by the United States Treasury Department. Price for the lot, only \$5.50.

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Have a perfect copy of Baker's "Medallic Portraits of Washington." Large volume of 250 pages, listing and describing all of Washington Coins and Medals. Describing over 600 specimens. Price \$3.00; add about 20c for postage.

Just For the Sake of Information

I Quote the Greatest of All Washington Coins:

1785 Washington Confederation Cent. Very good	\$1,050.00
1792 Washington Naked Bust Cent.....	82.50
Unique Washington Cent with bust of George III	525.00
New Jersey Washington Cent.....	1,100.00

No, brother, I haven't the above "just now," but I did have them all in my sale of the Ten Eyck collection, and the prices marked are those which I actually sold them for.

Lest We Forget

February 12th is Lincoln's birthday.

The only Lincoln coin I have is the half dollars of 1918.

A fine portrait of Lincoln and in all a very attractive coin.

Price \$1.50

Lincoln Currency

50c Note, U. S. fractional currency with portrait of Lincoln. To my mind, one of the best portraits ever produced of this great President.

Price, new condition, \$1.50; Fine, \$1.25

While We Are At It

Why not celebrate Grant's birthday, whenever it is—

Grant half dollar, 1922, without star, \$1.50.

Grant half dollar, with star, \$2.00.

Grant gold dollar, without star, \$5.00.

Grant gold dollar, with star, \$5.50.

Have never been able to fathom the reason for issuing these coins with and without star, unless it was a pet scheme to get the collectors going and coming, or twice in the same place. However, I had nothing to do with the issue of these coins, and do not approve of issuing any commemorative coins at a high premium. If they really want to commemorate the event for which the coins are issued, a sufficient quantity should be struck and placed in general circulation at face value. But as long as collectors will buy them, dealers will sell them. And of the commemorative coins issued in recent years, these Grant coins seem to be on the road to scarcity.

Going Down Town

the other day, I noticed all merchants offering special reductions in all lines to "stimulate business." While I do not lack any stimulants for business or otherwise, I wondered how the scheme would work in my business. So I decided to try it anyhow.

See If You Are a Good Judge of Values

Japan, huge gold Koban, measures 3x5 $\frac{3}{8}$ inches. Very fine. Price \$75.00. For fear that you may overlook it, I might say that about \$100.00 to \$125.00 is the usual or regular price for this coin.

Colorado, Leshar so-called dollar, Bumstead type. Very rare. Very fine. \$24.00. (Last one I sold at \$32.00.)

1921 Silver Dollar, San Francisco Mint. Bright unc. \$2.25.

1921 Silver Dollar, Denver Mint. Unc. Very Scarce. \$2.25.

England, 1658, Oliver Cromwell Crown or Dollar. Very fine. \$17.25. (Usual retail price about \$25.00.)

England, Cromwell Half-Crown. \$6.25.

Ancient Britain, about 100 B. C., gold Stater. Shadowy horse. Rare. \$12.25.

Monaco, 1886, Charles III, 100 Francs (\$20. gold). About uncirculated. Very scarce. \$28.50.

Monaco, 1901, Albert I, 100 Francs. About unc. \$27.50.

Encased Postage Stamps. 1c Ayer's Sarsaparilla. (Usually retails at about \$2.50). Price \$1.25.

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Specially Priced Items

Encased Stomp, 1c, Bates, Boston. Very fine. \$2.75.

Encased Stamp, 1c, Drakes. Very fine. \$2.25.

Encased Stamp, 1c, Mendums. Very fine. \$2.25.

Encased Stamp, 3c, Burnett's, Brown's, Ayer's Pills, Currency to Pass, Ayer's Sarsaparilla and Drakes. Good to very fine. The lot of six, \$8.25.

Encased Stamp, 5c, Application for Advertising. Very fine. \$2.25.

Encased Stamp, 5c, Tremont House, Chicago, \$2.50.

Encased Stamp, 5c, Gault. Very flood. \$2.00.

Encased Stamp, 10c, Burnett's. Fine. \$2.75.

Encased Stamp, 10c, Gault. Fine. \$2.25.

Encased Stamp, 30c, Application for Advertising. Very fine. Very rare. Record about \$25.00. Price \$17.25.

Philippine Islands, Necessity Currency, 1917, 20 C. Rare. \$1.00.

Philippine Islands, National Currency. As last, 10 C. 50c. Cash with order, please.

Medium Cents

At Very Medium Prices

"What does you want to eat?" asked the old colored mammy of the traveler.

"Corn pone," said the traveler.

"I'se glad you said corn pone," said the old lady, "'cause it's the one thing I ain't got any-thing else on hand of but."

While I have other things of "but" Medium Cents, I find myself with a rather healthy quantity of large cents which are too good for the cheap collector and not up to snuff for the high brow who sniffs at anything but "mint bloom."

These cents are far above the average; their condition is most liberally defined. When I say a cent is in fine condition, it will muster just that and more—and the prices are lower than "medium." Try a few of these. You know—"no likee no takee."

Cash orders always given preference.

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Medium Cents at Medium Prices

1793 Wreath. Crosby 9-H. Fine, strictly so. Former owner bought it as very fine and paid \$15.00 for it. \$9.50.

1793 Lettered edge. Crosby 11-J. Strictly very good. Also said to have cost \$15.00. Price \$9.50.

1793. Crosby 11-J, vine and bars on edge. Fine obverse with very good reverse. Steel color. A \$10.00 cent. Price \$7.25.

1793 Liberty Cap. Crosby 12-L. Very fair with good date. Classed as very good for coin and said to have cost \$16.00. Price \$10.00.

1793 Liberty Cap, Crosby 13-L. About good. Very rare. \$11.00.

1794 Hayes No. 2. One of the really rare numbers. Good. \$4.25.

1794 Hayes No. 3. Good for coin. Rare. \$2.25.

1794 Hayes 17. Strictly fine. Can easily be classed as very fine. \$3.25.

1794 Hayes 21. Good to very good. \$1.50.

1794 Hayes 23. Very good, approaching fine. \$2.25.

1794 Hayes 26. Fine, but weakly struck on right. Classed as Rarity 4. Record for this variety over \$100.00. Record for good specimen is over \$10.00. Price \$8.50.

1794 Hayes 39. Very good. Attractive cent. Large planchet. \$2.25.

1794 Hayes 43. Fine to very fine. Said to have cost \$5.00. Price \$3.25.

1794 Hayes 43. Very good, nearly fine. Steel color. \$2.10.

1794 Hayes 45. Very good. Very Scarce. \$2.40.

1794 Hayes 51. About fine. \$2.10.

1794 Hayes 52. Fine, but surface slightly rough. Scarce. \$2.25.

1794 Hayes 56. Fine, black surface slightly rough. \$2.25.

1795 Plain edge; value central. Fine; glossy surface. \$1.65.

1796 Liberty Cap. Very good, with obverse approaching fine. Rare. \$3.25.

1796 Bust type. Gilbert No. 7. Strictly very good. Rare. Record for this variety and condition \$7.00. Price \$4.50.

1796 Bust type. About fine, but very small dent on obverse. \$2.25.

1797 Daughty 100. Beautiful uncirculated specimen; glossy light olive surface. \$21.00.

Medium Cents at Medium Prices

1797 Daughty 94. So-called milled edge. V. G. Rare. \$3.25.

1797 Broad planchet; thin wreath. Very small fraction. Date spaced. Nearly fine. Black surface. Rare. \$3.00.

1797 Reverse, as last, but fraction uneven. Obv., larger date. V. G. \$1.65.

1797 Perfect close date, heavy wreath. Nearly fine. \$2.25.

1797 Heavy wreath. Cracked die on obverse. V. G. Nearly fine. \$1.75.

1798 Daughty 118. Large date, die cracked on left side of reverse. Very fine. \$3.00.

1798 Smaller date; die crack just as last but on right side. V. G. Nearly fine. \$1.00.

1798 Peculiar double struck date. About good. \$1.25.

1799 Perfect date. Unusually fine date; with knobs of 9's showing. V. G. (Cost former owner \$18.50.) Price \$14.50.

1799 About Good. \$11.50.

1800 over 1790. Very good, nearly fine. \$1.25.

1800 Perfect die. Fine. \$1.00.

1801 Blunt 1. Fine. Scarce. \$1.10.

1801 Die break on right side of reverse. V. G. Scarce. \$1.00.

1802 Daughty 171. Nearly fine. \$1.00.

1802 D. 175. Four berries on right branch. Classed as rarity 5. V. G. Nearly fine. \$1.25.

1802 Variety with 1/000. Nearly fine. Rare. \$2.25.

1802 Stemless wreath. V. G. Near fine. Rare. \$2.75.

1803 No stems. Small date. V. G. Scarce. \$1.00.

1803 D. 187. Small date and stems. About fine. \$1.10.

1803 D. 190. Last S double cut. Near fine. \$1.25.

1803 D. 195. Large fraction; stems. V. G., close kin to fine. 75c.

1803 D. 196. V. G. to fine. \$1.50.

1804 Cracked die obverse only. About fine. (Cost \$25.00.) \$18.50.

1804 Die break on both sides. V. G. A bargain at \$12.00.

1804 Fair to very fair. \$4.25.

1805 Blunt 1. Approaching fine. \$1.75.

1806 Fine. \$2.40.

1807 over '06. Small fraction. About fine. \$1.00.

1807 Small perfect date and small fraction. About fine. \$1.00.

Medium Cents at Medium Prices

- 1807 Small perfect date, with large fraction. V. F. Sharp. \$2.25.
1808 Thirteen stars. Very fine for coin, nice color. \$4.25.
1808 Fine, steel color. \$3.25.
1808 Twelve stars. Very fine for coin, brown surface. Said to have cost \$12.00. Price \$5.25.
1809 Strictly very good. \$2.50.
1810 over '09. V. F. Unusually sharp for this date. Brown surface. \$3.25.
1811 over '10. Fine; steel color. \$4.00.
1812 D. 220, small date. Fine; brown surface. Rare. \$3.25.
1913 D. 221. V. F. Sharp, with steel color. \$3.25.
1813 Fine, but weakly struck at top. Chocolate surface. \$2.40.
1814 Crosslet 4. Fine. \$1.40.
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Good Books on Coins

seem to be in good demand. I have a few duplicates in my library. Who wants them? Cash with order, please.

Hays Book on U. S. Cents of 1794.—The standard on the subject, plates with illustrations of all the varieties of the 1794 cents. Very fine condition. Rare and in great demand. Price \$4.00.

Crosby, Cents and Half Cents of 1793.—The standard on the subject, fine plates of all varieties of the cents and half cents of 1793, including some of the patterns or trial pieces and even the counterfeits. Paper covers. Very fine condition. \$3.75.

Cents of Connecticut, 1787, by Dr. Hall, 1892. Perfect. Scarce. \$2.50.

Crosby, Early Coins of America.—The most important numismatic work ever issued on coins relating to America. Standard on the subject. Numerous plates, illustrations, etc. About perfect. Very rare and in great demand. \$24.00.

American Numismatic Manual, Dickeson, published in 1865. Large volume, 270 pages, 20 plates in actual color,

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Good Books on Coins

of gold, silver and copper coins. Most interesting work. Practically new. Rare. \$7.00.

Scott's Paper Money Catalog, 1894.—Listing all issues of American paper money, fractional currency, all Colonial and Continental Notes, Wild Cat and Broken Bank Notes, Confederate Currency, etc. Very scarce. \$1.65.

Canadian Coins and Tokens, Breton.—Listing and illustrating all Canadian coins and tokens, giving their rarity, etc. Printed in English and French. As new. \$1.60.

Confederate and Southern State Currency, Bradbeer, 1915, 162 pages, cloth. An interesting and valuable book, published, I believe, at \$3.50 each. New, \$2.65.

Medallic Portraits of Washington, Baker.—The standard on the subject. Large volume of 250 pages, listing and describing all Washington coins and medals. New condition. Cheap at \$3.00.

Please add about 16c or 20c for postage and insurance. Also, as I have only one copy of each of the above books, and as they are priced lower than usual, they will go only to those who send cash with order.

Did You Ever Buy Coins by Age?

Try It Now

Here are silver coins the "Baby" of which is over two thousand years old. These are all unusually interesting pieces, in nice condition, mostly of the larger types. Coins that you'll take pleasure in showing. Buy one or more even as a show piece. All are especially priced—downward.

Ancient Greek Silver Coins

Athens, about 500 B. C. (2400 years old). Tetradrachm. Fine head of Goddess Athena. Rev., wise looking owl. Interesting and scarce. \$5.25.

Athens, Attica, B. C. 500, Drachm. V. F. Rare. \$5.25.

Thebes, 350 B. C., Stater. Boetian shield. Rev., vase. Fine. \$4.25.

Aegina, B. C. 404, Stater. Turtle with plated shell. Rev., incused. One of earliest types. Rare. \$5.25.

Aegina, B. C. 405, Drachm. Turtle in high relief. Fine. \$3.40.

Ancient Greek Silver Coins

Thrace, B. C. 323, Drachm. Head of Alexander. Fine. Scarce. \$3.25.

Boeotia, B. C. 196-146, Federal Coinage. Drachm. Head of Poseidon. Rev., Nike with wreath. Fine. Very Rare. \$5.25.

Dyrrhachium, B. C. 229-100. Victoriatus. Cow suckling calf. V. G. \$2.25.

Matapontum, B. C. 400-350. Stater. Fine head. Rev., ear of corn. Fine. \$4.25.

Neapolis, B. C. 325-241. Diadrachm. Head. Rev., man-headed bull. Good. \$3.75.

Corinth, B. C. 350-338. $\frac{1}{2}$ Drachm. Pegasus. Reverse, nymph. V. G. Rare. \$2.25.

Macedon, B. C. 336-323. Drachm of Alexander the Great. Head in lion's skin. Fine and well centered. \$2.40.

Island of Caria, Rhodse, B. C. 304-189. Hemidrachm. Facing head. Rev., rose. Fine. Rare. \$2.25.

Pergamun, B. C. 200. Tetradrachm, snakes, etc. Fine. \$4.50.

Tenedos, B. C. 450-387. Drachm. Double head, young and old. Fine. Rare and of highest interest. \$4.25.

Agrigentum, B. C. 472-415, Didrachm. Eagle. Rev., crab and helmet. V. G. Very Scarce. \$2.75.

Messana, B. C. 480-461. Tetradrachm. Mule car. Rev., hare running. Good. Rare. \$7.25.

Pergamun, Eumenes I, B. C. 263-241. Tetradrachm. Large head adorned with diadem. Rev., Goddess Athena seated. V. G. large attractive coin. \$4.25.

Velia, B. C. 400, Stater. Fine head of Pallas. Rev., lion seizing stag. Fine. Rare and interesting. Beautiful coin. \$7.25.

Phoenicia, B. C. 126-65. Tetradrachm of Tyrus. Fine large head. Rev., standing eagle. V. F. Large attractive coin. \$5.25.

Syracuse, B. C. 485-478. Tetradrachm. Head with circle of dolphins. Rev., Quadriga. Good. Rare. \$5.25.

Massilia, B. C. 350-200. Drachm. Beautiful head. Rev., lion. This is modern Marseilles in France. \$4.25.

Lete, B. C. 500-480. Stater. Satyr, with nymph in his arms. Curious design. Good. Rare. \$5.25.

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A Lot of Good Buys in Foreign Silver Coins of Quality and Interest

Here Is a Dandy Selection of Silver Coins for You!

St. Gall, 1624, Crown. Bear walking. Rev., eagle. G. Rare. \$3.50.

St. Gall, 1874, 5 Frs. or Dol. Ancient Swiss kneeling. Rev., beautiful view of villages, etc. Unc. \$3.25.

Vaud, 5 Batz. Beautiful piece. Unc. 60c.

Vaud, 1 Batz., base silver. 35c.

Zurich, 1748, Crown. Rampant lion. V. F. Scarce. \$3.25.

Zurich, 1763, $\frac{1}{2}$ Crown. As last. Fine. \$1.85.

Zurich, 1813, 20 Batzen. Proof. \$2.50.

Zurich, 1814, 8 Batzen. Fine and scarce piece. \$1.00.

Augsburg, 1694, Leopold I, broad Crown. V. F. \$3.50.

Augsburg, Francis I, 1765, Convention Crown, V. F. \$3.25.

Bremen, Free City, 1672, 24 Grote. Fine, \$1.25.

Bremen, 1753, 48 Gros. Ex. F. Beautiful and scarce piece. \$2.40.

Deventer, 1686, 30 Stivers. Warrior standing. Fine. Scarce. \$1.50.

Deventer, 1687, Gulden. V. G. 60c.

Deventer, 1696, 6 Stivers. Warrior galloping. Good. 60c.

Eisleben, broad Crown, 1730, relating to the Reformation. Luther standing, swan at side. V. F. Rare. \$6.25.

Frankfurt, 1693, $\frac{2}{3}$ Crown, 4 shields. Ex. F. \$2.10.

Frankfurt, 1776, 1-60 Mark. Larger than U. S. $\frac{1}{4}$. V. F. Scarce. \$1.00.

Hamburg, 1885, complete set of 1 to 32 Schil. Fine to unc. 13 pcs. The set only \$3.50.

Lubec, 1559, Crown. St. John. V. G. Scarce. \$3.40.

Lubec, 1 S. to $\frac{1}{4}$ Cr., 1622 to 1789. Set of 4 pcs. only \$1.25.

Lubec, 1797, 32 Schilling. Double headed eagle. Unc. \$1.50.

Nuremberg, 1759, Crown. Eagle and two shields. V. G. \$2.25.

Nuremberg, 1765, Convention Crown. Figure of Peace pouring libation on altar. Ex. F. \$3.50.

Nimwegen, Netherlands, 1563, Crown. Lion with arms. Fine. Scarce. \$2.75.

Silver Coins of Quality

Ratisbon, 1756. Convention Crown. Beautiful view of City. Semi-proof. \$3.25.

Ratisbon, 1759, Broad Convention Cr. Bust of Francis. Rev., arms. Semi-pf. \$2.40.

Ratisbon, 1793, Crown. View of City from river. Beautiful coin. \$3.50.

Ratisbon, 1809, Crown. Arms on mantle. Ex. F. Scarce. \$3.25.

Zwolle, 1691, 6 Stivers. Knight charging. Good. 60c.

Turkey, 20 Piastres or Dol. Unc. \$2.25.

Gold Coast, 1818, Ackey. Head of George III. Indian and Negro supporting arms, elephant and castle above. Proof. Rare. \$7.25.

Gold Coast, 1818, ½ Ackey. Just as last. Semi-proof. Rare. \$5.50.

Morocco, complete set from 5c to \$1.00 size, dated 1299 and 1309. All unc. Scarce. Set of 5 pcs. \$3.50.

Somalialand, 1910, ½ Rupee. Unc. Rare. First I ever had. \$3.00.

South African Republc. Complete set, silver and copper, 1892. Penny to 5 Shil. Brilliant proof set. Ex. Rare in proof. The set of 7 pcs. \$11.50.

Zanzibar, Dollar or Rial, 1299. Native ins. Rare. \$3.50.

Java, East India Co., 1786, 3 Gulden, larger than dollar. Ex. F. \$3.25.

East India Co., 1802, Rupee, Malay ins. Scarce. \$1.35.

Persia, 1856, Shahi, dime size. Bust of Shah. Unc. Scarce. \$1.00.

Nepaul, 1722, ¼ mohur. V. F. 75c.

Siam, 1861, Tical. Elephant and pagodas. V. G. Scarce. \$1.25.

Ceylon, 1821, Rix Dollar. Elephant. Ex. F. Rare. \$3.25.

Java, Wm. I., ¼, ½ and 1 Gulden. Unc. Scarce set. The set of 3, only \$2.00.

Australia, 1860, 3 pence, remembrance of Australia. Kangaroo and Emu. V. F. Very rare. Record up to \$6.00. Price \$4.25.

Cuba, 1898, Dollar, Ex. F. Ex. Rare. This is the very rare date and not the cheap 1897. \$7.50.

Curacao, 1821, Real. Unc. 60c.

Silver Coins of Quality

- Curacao, 1822, Stiver. 40c.
Curacao, 1900, $\frac{1}{4}$ Gulden, 45c.
Haiti, President Boyer, 1827, 100 Cents. V. F. \$1.50.
Haiti, 100 cents, base silver. \$1.00.
Haiti, 50 cents, good silver. 90c.
Haiti, 50 cents, base silver. 75c.
Haiti, 25 cents. Good and base silver. Set of 2, 75c.
Brazil, Crown of Charles IV of Spain counterstamped on both sides, with arms of Brazil. Fine. Rare. \$3.75.
British Guinea, 1809, 2 Guilder. Bust Geo. III, Rev., value crowned. V. F. Rare. \$2.50.
British Guinea, 1809, 1 Guilder. As last. Fine. \$1.40.
Brit. Guinea, 1809, $\frac{1}{2}$ Guilder. As last. V. G. Scarce. \$1.00.
Brit. Guinea, 1809, $\frac{1}{2}$ Guilder. Unc. Scarce. 90c.
Brit. Guinea, 1816, 3 Guilder. Colony of Demerary and Essequibo. V. F. Rare. \$3.75.
Brit. Guinea as last, 1816, 2 Guilder. Thick coin. V. F. Rare. \$2.75.
Brit. Guinea, as last, 1816, 1 Guilder. Ex. Fine. Rare. \$1.40.
Brit. Guinea, 1816, $\frac{1}{2}$ Guilder. Ex. F. Rare. \$1.10.
Brit. Guinea, 1816, $\frac{1}{4}$ Guilder, Ex. F. Scarce. 90c.
Brit. Guinea. Wm. IV, 1832, 1 Guilder. V. G. Rare. \$1.25.
Brit. Guinea. Wm. IV, 1835, $\frac{1}{2}$ Guilder. Unc. \$1.10.
Brit. Guinea, Wm. IV, $\frac{1}{4}$ Guilder. Brill. Pf. \$1.00.
Brit. Guinea. Wm. IV, $\frac{1}{8}$ Guilder. Rare. 75c.
Brit. Guinea, Wm. IV, 1836, 1 Guilder, second coinage. Brill. Pf. \$2.00.
Brit. Guinea, $\frac{1}{2}$ Guilder, as last. V. F. \$1.00.
Brit. Guinea, $\frac{1}{4}$ Guilder. As last. Proof. Rare. \$1.25.
Brit. Guinea, $\frac{1}{8}$ Guilder. As last. Proof. Rare. \$1.00.
Bolivia, 1868, 20 C. Brill. Proof. Very Rare. \$2.00.
Bolivia, 1868, 10 C. Brill. Proof. Very Rare. \$1.25.
Bolivia, 1868, 5 C. Brill. Proof. V. Rare. \$1.25.
Copiapo, 1865, Necessity Peso, struck during Spanish blockade of harbor. Ex. F. \$2.50.
Coquimbo, 1859, Peso, struck by Gallo, a mine owner, during rebellion. V. F. \$2.75.
Peru, 1789, Charles IV, 4 Reals. Ex. F. Scarce. \$2.75.
Peru, 1825, 8 Reals. Liberty standing. Unc. \$2.40.
Peru, complete set, $\frac{1}{4}$ to 8 Reals. Ex. F. The set of 7 pcs. only \$3.75.

My Printer

is apparently a better printer (?) than he is a booster for Texas. In printing that ditty about Texas in January Coin Circular, he found that he had more dope than space, so he left out the best part of it.

In illustrating the size of Texas and her resources, he left out the following important facts about some of the resources of our great state:

“If all the hogs in Texas were one big hog, he would be able to dig the Panama Canal in three roots.

“If all the Texas steers were one steer, he would stand with his front feet in the Gulf of Mexico, one hind foot in Hudson Bay and the other in the Arctic Ocean, and with his tail brush off the mist from the Aurora Borealis. Some State! SOME STATE!!”

In excusing himself, the printer said:

“The aforesaid steer was so small compared to the bull that’s passing around in Texas oil literature that it would look like a sick kitten compared to a full-grown lion, and left it out for that reason.”

Don’t Forget

that the COIN CIRCULAR is more or less Mehl’s House Organ, so you’ll pardon him for playing his own tune now and then. This time I offer a short selection entitled:

“My Next Sale”

Not the greatest sale that has ever been held, but a sale that will contain undoubtedly the most interesting and varied assortment of numismatic material offered in many moons—everything that you can think of in coins and medals.

The “usual” Unusual Mehl Fine Catalogs FREE. Yes, the catalogs are free to you, but they cost me about \$1.00 each. However, somehow, I seem to prosper on this generosity.

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Stamps versus Coins

While being under the influence of great enthusiasm about some of the prices I realized for the coins sold by me at the Ten Eyck sale, I was in conversation with a "combined" collector, one who plays both stamps as well as coins.

I pointed out to him that one coin in my sale sold for \$5,250; another for \$3,000; three Colonial copper cents—coppers. mind you—at over \$1,000 each, etc.

My friend let me rave on a while and then fixed me with a look bordering on the pitiful and delivered himself thus:

"You think it wonderful that a Colonial copper cent of which only one or two are known, brought a thousand bucks. But have you any idea what a stamp—a postage stamp, mind you—a piece of paper—so to say, of equal rarity to your Colonial coin would have brought, or would bring now?"

His question being greeted by silence on my part, he cleared his throat and went on:

"Show me a stamp of which but two or three are known and I'll wager that it would bring nearer Ten Thousand Dollars than one thousand. And there will be a sufficient number of buyers for it to form a young stampede for it!"

Then he pulls out a recent issue of a stamp paper in which is reported the sale of a single stamp collection, in Paris, for over \$600,000.00. Single stamps bringing \$6,000.00, \$7,000.00 and on up to \$15,000.00 EACH! And here we sit up on our hind legs and crow when a coin brings a thousand dollars or so.

When I recovered from this onslaught and my thoughts came down to earth, one thought struck me rather forcibly and that is that all of the American rarities, Colonials, regular issues, patterns and pioneer series, even those that now sell in the four-figure mark, are still in their "infancy," as compared with the ultimate prices they will bring in the not too distant future. And this applies to lesser rarities as well. Also, the collectors who can afford and do invest in the scarcer and more valuable coins, will have the pleasurable satisfaction of owning these rarities, and in the future the additional satisfaction of having made a good investment as well.

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